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To: Microsoft ATR
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I am writing to comment on the the proposed final judgment in the Microsoft settlement. I do not believe that the proposed settlement addresses enough of Microsoft's practices for it to be effective. It also appears to leave "loopholes" that Microsoft can use to manipulate its business partners.

My main concern is with the mystery of the Microsoft file formats. In my mind the stranglehold Microsoft has on the format of office documents prepared with their software presents the greatest barrier to entry for alternative office products and alternative operating systems. The proposed final judgment has no provisions for the ability to reverse the damage of years of anticompetitive practices in this arena.

I added my name to the petition put forth by Dan Kegel which addresses this and many other concerns about the proposed final judgment.

Thank you for your time,
Robert Kennedy